

the publication of the proposed amendments to the constitution in various papers of the state, and for defraying other expenses incurred under the direction of the secretary of state.

Approved February 11, 1909.

CHAPTER 15—H. F. No. 105.

An Act authorizing villages to acquire water, light and heating plants.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Villages authorized to acquire water, light and heating plants.—Section 1. Any village in this state wherein is now constructed a public water, light and heat plant, or water or light or heating plants, not owned by the village, may by resolution or ordinance of the village council, passed and approved in the usual manner, purchase such plants or any of them and issue bonds running not to exceed twenty years and bearing interest not to exceed five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purchase price or any part thereof and secure the same by lien in the form of a mortgage securing payments of the bonds upon the plant so purchased and extensions thereof and additions thereto.

A written contract pursuant to and in addition to the resolution or ordinance may, if desired, be entered into between the village through its president and recorder and the persons or corporation selling the plant.

To be submitted to electors.—Sec. 2. Before such resolution or ordinance or contract shall take effect the same shall be submitted to the village electors at a regular village or state or special election and approved by two-thirds of those voting thereon. The ballots may be substantially as follows, to-wit :

“For the purchase of a water, light and heating plant” (or the plant which is proposed to be purchased); or “Against the purchase of a water, light and heating plant” (or the plant which is proposed to be purchased).

To be paid in cash or bonds.—Sec. 3. Any part of the purchase price may be paid in cash, and it may if desired be provided in the bonds that any bond may be paid at any interest day, at the option of the village.

Power to employ attorney.—Sec. 4. The village council may, if desired, employ attorneys for consultation in regard to said ordinance, contract and bonds.

Bonds; how sold.—Sec. 5. The bonds so voted may be sold to the highest bidder for not less than par or a loan obtained

from the state of Minnesota in the manner provided by law for the loan of state funds to the amount thereof or for a less amount and the amount to be paid for such plant in cash from the proceeds if such course be deemed desirable by the village council, or partly in cash and partly by the issue of bonds secured on the plant as hereinbefore provided.

Operation of plants.—Sec. 6. After such plant is acquired, the village council shall make all necessary rules and regulations for the protection, maintenance and operation thereof, and the sale of its product and use of the proceeds which shall not be expended for any purpose not connected with such plant, until such bonds are paid.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 16, 1909.

CHAPTER 16—H. F. No. 321.

An act providing for the issuance of interest-bearing certificates of indebtedness to aid in the erection, construction and furnishing of a court house, county jail and other county buildings, or either or any of them, in counties in this state having property of an assessed valuation of not less than \$200,000,000, and having a bonded indebtedness of not more than \$1,400,000.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Bonds authorized for court house, jail and other purposes.—Section 1. That the board of county commissioners of any county in this state having property therein of an assessed valuation of not less than \$200,000,000, and having a bonded indebtedness of not more than \$1,400,000, is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow moneys sufficient in their judgment to complete, erect and furnish a court house, jail and other county buildings previously duly authorized, such sums of money not exceeding \$400,000, as may be sufficient in their judgment, in addition to other moneys available for that purpose to so complete, erect and furnish such building or buildings, or any smaller sum, and for such purpose to issue interest-bearing certificates of indebtedness of said county, pursuant to the provisions of this act.

Denominations and interest.—Sec. 2. Said certificates of indebtedness shall be of such denomination and in such sums as the board of county commissioners shall determine, and shall bear interest at the rate of not exceeding 5 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. The principal of said certificates of indebted-